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3. Ydigoras Demands OAS Investigation of Cuban Charges
Against Guatemala: President Ydigoras told US State Department officials in Guatemala on 6 June that his country

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would withdraw its support of the Organization of American States (OAS) unless that body moves to investigate Cuban charges that preparations for aggression against the Castro regime are under way in Guatemala. His nation's annual quota payments to the OAS will be discontinued, Ydigoras said, unless the Inter-American Peace Committee (IAPC) sends a group to Guatemala to look into the Cuban charges.

Ydigoras was reliably reported to have issued a similar threat on 1 June, at which time he allegedly stated that his country might withdraw from the OAS--or at least instruct its representative to walk out--if the IAPC did not investigate Guatemalan charges that the Cuban Government was directing subversive elements in a plot against the Ydigoras regime.

Guatemala's accusations were formally lodged with the OAS shortly before that country suspended diplomatic relations with Cuba on 28 April. The IAPC may shelve the Guatemalan request for investigation unless it receives firm evidence substantiating them; Guatemala has submitted no proof of its charges, claiming that such action might expose confidential sources.